

REMARKS

The purpose of this amendment is to comply with Office Action of 18 February 2004 and amend the application so that it is in condition for allowance of publication as an SIR.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilk (US 5,544,651) in view of Giger et al (US 5,931,780).

In response a request for publication as a Statutory Invention Registration is enclosed.

In accordance with Section 714.01 of the M.P.E.P., the following information is presented in the event that a call may be deemed desirable by the Examiner: WILLIAM G. AUTON, (781) 377-3773 .

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. G. Auton', is written over a horizontal line.

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